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On page 3, please amend paragraph [00016] as follows:

[00016] The method for knitting socks of this invention is characterized by meticulously repeating the increase and decrease of the number stitches on the large toe side at a minimum increase-decrease ~~ratio~~ rate.

On pages 5-6, please amend paragraph [00037] as follows:

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[00037] The method for knitting socks of this invention is characterized by meticulously ~~repeating~~ the increase and decrease of the number stitches on the large toe side at a minimum increase-decrease ~~ratio~~ rate.

On page 7, please amend paragraph [00043] as follows:

[00043] Here, on the small-toe side V the stitches are continuously reduced at a fixed ~~ratio~~ rate, and on the large-toe side W after the stitches are reduced somewhat, they stitches are increased, and the number that the stitches are decreased on this large-toe side W is the same as the number that the stitches are increased.

On pages 10-11, please amend paragraph [00066] as follows:

[00066] As described above, with this invention, when